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## THE LABOUR FORCE, AUSTRALIA, FEBRUARY 1984 (PRELIMINARY ESTIMATES)

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### MAIN FEATURES

Note: Both the original and seasonally adjusted series have been revised in this issue (see paragraphs 14, 15 and 22). Generally speaking, the revisions are small; with downward revisions to the participation rate throughout 1983 and an upward revision to the unemployment rate in December 1983 (see paragraph 16). The latter revision, which was mainly because of seasonal reanalysis, somewhat reduces the estimate of the fall in unemployment previously published for December 1983. As always, care should be taken in the interpretation of month-to-month movements in these estimates. Survey estimates are subject to sampling and non-sampling variability as explained in paragraphs 17 to 21. Attention is directed to paragraph 23 concerning interpretation of seasonally adjusted estimates.

All of the changes mentioned below are in seasonally adjusted terms.

Between January and February 1984, there was a small fall in the rate of unemployment (9.5 per cent to 9.4 per cent) accompanied by a small rise in employment, with the labour force participation rate unchanged at 60.3 per cent. The number of unemployed males fell by 9,200, comprising decreases of 4,500 looking for full-time work and 4,700 looking for part-time work. The number of unemployed females rose by 3,200; those looking for full-time work increased by 4,100.

Compared with a year earlier, numbers unemployed decreased by 10,200 and numbers employed increased by 103,800.

### EXPLANATORY NOTES

#### INTRODUCTION

Labour force estimates in this bulletin have been aligned with revised population estimates arising from the 1981 Census of Population and Housing (see paragraphs 14 and 15). In addition, all seasonally adjusted series have been revised following the annual reanalysis which takes account of an additional 12 months' original data and of the revisions to the original series noted above (see paragraphs 22 and 23). This issue contains revised data relating to the period January 1983 to February 1984. The February 1984 issue of "The

Labour Force, Australia" (6203.0), which is expected to be published in early April, will include an appendix containing revised estimates from February 1978 on both an original and seasonally adjusted basis.

2. This publication contains preliminary estimates of the civilian labour force derived from the labour force survey part of the monthly population survey. Estimates for the current month are preliminary and subject to revision. Revised figures for the current month and more detailed estimates will be published in "The Labour Force, Australia" (6203.0)

## THE POPULATION SURVEY

3. The population survey is based on a multi-stage area sample of private dwellings (about 33,000 houses, flats, etc.) and non-private dwellings (hotels, motels, etc.) and covers about two-thirds of one per cent of the population of Australia. The information is obtained from the occupants of selected dwellings by carefully chosen and specially trained interviewers. The interviews are generally conducted during the two weeks beginning on the Monday between the 6th and 12th of each month. Because of operational problems arising from the Christmas and New Year holidays, interviews for the December 1983 survey commenced on Monday 5 December. The information obtained relates to the week before the interview (i.e. the survey week).

## SCOPE

4. The labour force survey includes all persons aged 15 and over except: members of the permanent defence forces; certain diplomatic personnel of overseas governments, customarily excluded from census and estimated populations; overseas residents in Australia; and members of non-Australian defence forces (and their dependents) stationed in Australia.

## DEFINITIONS

5. The labour force category to which a person is assigned depends on his actual activity (i.e. whether working, looking for work, etc.) during the survey week. The following definitions, which conform closely to the international standard definitions specified by the International Labour Organisation (ILO), relate only to those persons within the scope of the survey.

6. Employed persons comprise all those aged 15 and over who, during the survey week:

- (a) worked for one hour or more for pay, profit, commission or payment in kind in a job or business, or on a farm (including employees, employers and self-employed persons); or
- (b) worked for 15 hours or more without pay in a family business or on a farm (i.e. unpaid family helpers); or
- (c) were employees who had a job but were not at work and were: on paid leave; on leave without pay for less than four weeks up to the end of the survey week; stood down without pay because of bad weather or plant breakdown at their place of employment for less than four weeks up to the end of the survey

week; on strike or locked out; on workers' compensation and expected to be returning to their job; or receiving wages or salary while undertaking full-time study; or

- (d) were employers or self-employed persons who had a job, business or farm, but were not at work.

7. Unemployed persons are those aged 15 and over who were not employed during the survey week, and:

- (a) had actively looked for full-time or part-time work at any time in the four weeks up to the end of the survey week and:

- (i) were available for work in the survey week, or would have been available except for temporary illness (i.e. lasting for less than four weeks to the end of the survey week); or

- (ii) were waiting to start a new job within four weeks from the end of the survey week and would have started in the survey week if the job had been available then;

- or (b) were waiting to be called back to a full-time or part-time job from which they had been stood down without pay for less than four weeks up to the end of the survey week (including the whole of the survey week) for reasons other than bad weather or plant breakdown.

8. Unemployed persons looking for first job are those who had never worked full time for two weeks or more.

9. The unemployment rate for any group is the number unemployed expressed as a percentage of the labour force in the same group.

10. The labour force comprises all persons who, during the survey week, were employed or unemployed, as defined above.

11. The labour force participation rate for any group is the labour force expressed as a percentage of the civilian population aged 15 and over in the same group.

12. Full-time workers are those who usually worked 35 hours or more a week and others who, although usually part-time workers, worked 35 hours or more during the survey week. Part-time workers are those who usually worked less than 35 hours a week and who did so during the survey week. When recording hours of work fractions of an hour are disregarded.

13. Persons not in the labour force are those who, during the survey week,

were not in the categories "employed" or "unemployed".

#### REVISION OF SERIES

14. Survey estimates back to February 1978 (both original and seasonally adjusted) have been recalculated to conform to revised population estimates which take account of the results of the 1981 Census of Population and Housing. This issue therefore contains preliminary estimates on the new basis for February 1984 and revised estimates for the previous thirteen months. Tables containing revised estimates back to February 1978 will be included as an appendix to the February 1984 issue of "The Labour Force, Australia" (6203.0).

15. Following the change in official population estimates to a place of usual residence basis after the 1981 Census, the population benchmarks used in this revision of labour force survey estimates are compiled according to place of usual residence. For an explanation of the new conceptual basis of population estimates see "Population Estimates: An Outline of The New Conceptual Basis of ABS Population Estimates" (3216.0). Persons who are away overseas from their usual residence for less than six weeks at the time of interview are generally enumerated at their usual residence when relevant information can be obtained from other usual residents present at the time of the survey. Persons who, at the time of interview, are overseas for six weeks or more but for less than twelve months are included in the estimates on the assumption that their labour force characteristics are similar to those of the persons responding in the survey. The labour force survey questionnaire was changed in October 1982 to enable identification of each respondent's place of usual residence. The revised estimates shown in this publication are thus wholly according to place of usual residence.

#### COMPARABILITY OF SERIES

16. As noted in paragraphs 14 and 15, estimates from February 1978 have been revised to conform to revised population estimates and are thus not strictly comparable with estimates published prior to this time. Generally speaking, the combined effect of revisions to the original series and seasonal reanalysis is small. One of the largest changes to estimates of employment published in this bulletin is an increase of 23,100 (1.0 per cent) in female employment in June 1983, with a corresponding increase of 0.1 in the female participation rate for that month; and in unemployment, an increase of 14,500 (2.4 per cent) in the number of persons unemployed in December 1983. The revision to the December 1983 seasonally adjusted unemployment estimate has caused

the unemployment rate for that month to be revised from 9.2 per cent to 9.4 per cent. This revision is mainly due to the seasonal reanalysis. Revised figures for the participation rate in 1983 are generally lower. This is influenced by the new benchmarks containing a higher proportion of females whose participation rate is lower than that for males.

#### RELIABILITY OF THE ESTIMATES

17. Since the survey estimates are based on information obtained from occupants of a sample of dwellings they, and the movements derived from them, are subject to sampling variability; that is, they may differ by chance from the figures that would have been produced if all dwellings had been included in the survey. One measure of the likely difference is given by the standard error. There are about two chances in three that a sample estimate will differ by less than one standard error from the figure that would have been obtained if all dwellings had been included in the survey, and about nineteen chances in twenty that the difference will be less than two standard errors.

18. Standard errors of estimates for the latest month and of estimates of movements since the previous month are shown in the tables. Standard errors of other estimates and other movements may be determined by using information in the Technical note in "The Labour Force, Australia" (6203.0).

19. Very small estimates are not published but are indicated with a '\*' because they are subject to high relative standard errors. Although figures for these small components can in some cases be derived by subtraction, they should not be regarded as reliable.

20. Examples of the calculation and use of standard errors are given below:

- (a) The estimate of 413,200 unemployed males looking for full-time work in February 1984 has a standard error of about 6,700. Therefore there are about two chances in three that the number that would have been produced if all dwellings had been included in the survey will be within the range 406,500 to 419,900 and about nineteen chances in twenty that the number will be within the range 399,800 to 426,600.
- (b) The estimate of movement in the number of unemployed males looking for full-time work from January 1984 to February 1984 is a decrease of 10,800. The standard error of this monthly movement is about 5,400. Therefore there are about two chances in three that if

all dwellings had been included in the surveys the movement would have been within the range -16,200 to -5,400 and about nineteen chances in twenty that it would have been within the range -21,600 to zero.

21. The imprecision due to sampling variability, which is measured by the standard error, should not be confused with inaccuracies that may occur because of imperfections in reporting by respondents, errors made in collection such as in recording and coding of data, and errors made in processing the data. Inaccuracies of this kind are referred to as the non-sampling error, and they may occur in any enumeration, whether it be a full count or a sample. Every effort is made to reduce the non-sampling error to a minimum by careful design of questionnaires, intensive training and supervision of interviewers and efficient operating procedures.

#### SEASONAL ADJUSTMENT

22. Seasonally adjusted series are published in Tables 2 and 5. As happens with all seasonally adjusted series, the seasonal factors are reviewed annually to take account of each additional year's original data. The results of the latest review were used to compile the revised seasonally adjusted series contained in this bulletin. The revised seasonally adjusted estimates reflect not only the revised seasonal factors but also the revisions to the original series described in paragraphs 14 and 15. Information about the method of adjustment and revised seasonally adjusted figures for all months since February 1978 will be published in an appendix to "The Labour Force, Australia, February 1984" (6203.0)

23. The large increase in unemployment in 1982 and 1983 may have been accompanied by a change in the seasonal pattern. It would not be possible to quantify any such change adequately until some additional years' data are available. Particular care should therefore be exercised in interpreting current movements in these seasonally adjusted estimates.

#### RELATED PUBLICATIONS

24. Users may also wish to refer to the following publications which are available on request:

The Labour Force, Australia (6203.0)  
- issued monthly  
Job Vacancies, Australia (6231.0)  
- issued quarterly  
Overtime, Australia (6330.0) - issued quarterly  
Labour Statistics, Australia, 1982 (6101.0)

25. Current publications produced by the ABS are listed in the "Catalogue of Publications, Australia" (1101.0). The ABS also issues, on Tuesdays and Fridays, a "Publication Advice" (1105.0) which lists publications to be released in the next few days. The Catalogue and Publication Advice are available from any ABS office.

#### SYMBOLS AND OTHER USAGES

\* subject to sampling variability too high for most practical uses (see paragraph 18)  
.. not applicable

26. Figures have been rounded and discrepancies may occur between sums of the component items and totals.

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TABLE 1. LABOUR FORCE STATUS OF THE CIVILIAN POPULATION AGED 15 AND OVER

Month	Unemployed											
	Employed		Looking for full-time work		Looking for part-time work		Labour force		Civilian population aged 15 and over		Unemployment rate	Participation rate
	Full-time workers	Total	looking for first job	Total	part-time work	Total	Labour force	Not in labour force	aged 15 and over	- per cent -		
- '000 -												
MALES												
1983 -												
January	3,700.3	3,924.6	51.2	409.6	22.1	431.6	4,356.2	1,293.4	5,649.6	9.9	77.1	
February	3,722.7	3,952.0	45.0	418.3	23.1	441.4	4,393.4	1,265.4	5,658.8	10.1	77.6	
March	3,693.1	3,944.7	34.2	411.6	22.9	434.6	4,379.3	1,289.4	5,668.6	9.9	77.3	
April	3,677.1	3,928.0	28.3	406.2	23.4	429.6	4,357.6	1,319.9	5,677.5	9.9	76.8	
May	3,681.7	3,927.4	28.2	412.8	22.5	435.3	4,362.7	1,324.0	5,686.7	10.0	76.7	
June	3,684.3	3,924.5	24.3	407.9	16.5	424.5	4,349.0	1,346.6	5,695.6	9.8	76.4	
July	3,697.6	3,933.1	27.8	407.0	22.0	429.0	4,362.1	1,341.8	5,704.0	9.8	76.5	
August	3,663.4	3,903.6	26.6	409.5	20.2	429.7	4,333.3	1,379.2	5,712.5	9.9	75.9	
September	3,740.1	3,971.7	30.5	410.3	24.7	435.0	4,406.7	1,314.5	5,721.2	9.9	77.0	
October	3,714.2	3,958.5	32.9	384.5	16.3	400.8	4,359.3	1,369.5	5,728.9	9.2	76.1	
November	3,719.3	3,966.7	30.5	365.5	20.4	385.9	4,352.6	1,383.6	5,736.2	8.9	75.9	
December	3,781.9	4,028.2	57.4	391.3	28.4	419.8	4,448.0	1,295.6	5,743.6	9.4	77.4	
1984 -												
January	3,716.3	3,949.6	53.0	424.0	28.5	452.5	4,402.1	1,350.0	5,752.1	10.3	76.5	
February	3,767.0	4,000.3	48.5	413.2	22.7	435.8	4,436.2	1,324.1	5,760.2	9.8	77.0	
Standard error of -												
February 1984 estimates	13.7	13.9	2.9	6.7	2.1	6.8	14.3	9.9	..	0.2	0.2	
Jan 84 to Feb 84 movements	9.6	9.7	2.8	5.4	2.2	5.5	10.0	7.4	..	0.1	0.2	
FEMALES												
1983 -												
January	1,481.9	2,247.6	49.3	218.6	44.3	262.9	2,510.5	3,318.9	5,829.4	10.5	43.1	
February	1,476.2	2,312.1	45.9	236.7	72.0	308.7	2,620.8	3,218.5	5,839.3	11.8	44.9	
March	1,493.4	2,365.7	38.2	226.2	73.1	299.3	2,665.0	3,184.2	5,849.2	11.2	45.6	
April	1,489.3	2,326.5	32.4	205.5	74.1	279.7	2,606.1	3,252.4	5,858.5	10.7	44.5	
May	1,501.7	2,345.5	33.0	214.7	70.5	285.2	2,630.7	3,237.1	5,867.8	10.8	44.8	
June	1,489.0	2,342.0	30.4	205.8	62.9	268.7	2,610.7	3,266.4	5,877.1	10.3	44.4	
July	1,516.9	2,361.8	27.0	192.3	65.9	258.2	2,620.1	3,265.3	5,885.4	9.9	44.5	
August	1,486.9	2,337.4	28.6	197.9	59.3	257.1	2,594.6	3,299.1	5,893.7	9.9	44.0	
September	1,545.8	2,386.5	33.6	208.8	77.2	285.9	2,672.4	3,229.6	5,902.0	10.7	45.3	
October	1,526.3	2,377.6	27.8	183.0	69.3	252.3	2,630.0	3,279.5	5,909.4	9.6	44.5	
November	1,534.0	2,410.8	27.2	176.7	62.2	238.9	2,649.7	3,267.3	5,917.0	9.0	44.8	
December	1,560.6	2,428.2	52.4	210.1	60.2	270.2	2,698.4	3,226.1	5,924.5	10.0	45.6	
1984 -												
January	1,533.1	2,303.0	48.2	212.9	54.0	266.9	2,569.9	3,363.2	5,933.1	10.4	43.3	
February	1,528.7	2,365.6	51.7	228.6	73.7	302.4	2,668.0	3,273.6	5,941.6	11.3	44.9	
Standard error of -												
February 1984 estimates	10.4	11.9	3.0	5.4	3.5	6.0	12.3	13.1	..	0.2	0.2	
Jan 84 to Feb 84 movements	7.7	8.6	2.8	4.5	3.1	4.9	8.8	9.3	..	0.2	0.1	
PERSONS												
1983 -												
January	5,182.3	6,172.2	100.6	628.2	66.4	694.6	6,866.7	4,612.2	11,479.0	10.1	59.8	
February	5,198.9	6,264.1	90.9	655.0	95.1	750.1	7,014.2	4,483.9	11,498.1	10.7	61.0	
March	5,186.5	6,310.4	72.4	637.9	96.0	733.9	7,044.3	4,473.5	11,517.8	10.4	61.2	
April	5,166.3	6,254.5	60.7	611.7	97.5	709.3	6,963.8	4,572.3	11,536.0	10.2	60.4	
May	5,183.4	6,272.8	61.2	627.5	93.0	720.5	6,993.3	4,561.1	11,554.4	10.3	60.5	
June	5,173.3	6,266.5	54.7	613.7	79.4	693.2	6,959.7	4,613.0	11,572.6	10.0	60.1	
July	5,214.6	6,295.0	54.8	599.3	87.9	687.2	6,982.2	4,607.2	11,589.4	9.8	60.3	
August	5,150.3	6,241.1	55.2	607.4	79.5	686.8	6,927.9	4,678.3	11,606.2	9.9	59.7	
September	5,285.9	6,358.2	64.1	619.0	101.9	720.9	7,079.1	4,544.1	11,623.2	10.2	60.9	
October	5,240.6	6,336.2	60.7	567.5	85.6	653.1	6,989.3	4,649.0	11,638.3	9.3	60.1	
November	5,253.3	6,377.5	57.7	542.1	82.6	624.7	7,002.3	4,650.9	11,653.2	8.9	60.1	
December	5,342.5	6,456.4	109.8	601.4	88.6	690.0	7,146.4	4,521.7	11,668.1	9.7	61.3	
1984 -												
January	5,249.4	6,252.6	101.2	636.9	82.5	719.4	6,972.0	4,713.2	11,685.2	10.3	59.7	
February	5,295.6	6,365.9	100.1	641.8	96.4	738.2	7,104.1	4,597.7	11,701.8	10.4	60.7	
Standard error of -												
February 1984 estimates	15.1	15.8	3.9	7.8	3.9	8.2	16.3	14.5	..	0.1	0.1	
Jan 84 to Feb 84 movements	10.4	10.8	3.5	6.1	3.4	6.3	11.1	10.1	..	0.1	0.1	

TABLE 2. CIVILIAN LABOUR FORCE: SEASONALLY ADJUSTED SERIES

Month	Employed		Unemployed			Labour force	Unemp- loyment rate	Partici- pation rate			
	Full-time workers		Looking for full-time work								
	Total	Aged 15-19 looking for first job	Total	Looking for part-time work	Total						
- '000 -											
MALES											
1983 -											
January	3,711.5	3,952.7	31.3	365.6	21.3	386.9	4,339.6	8.9			
February	3,708.3	3,954.5	32.2	378.9	23.0	401.9	4,356.4	9.2			
March	3,683.9	3,931.2	33.7	400.0	20.9	420.9	4,352.1	9.7			
April	3,683.5	3,929.5	36.0	415.0	23.9	438.9	4,368.4	10.0			
May	3,690.1	3,930.7	35.4	416.5	20.9	437.4	4,368.1	10.0			
June	3,692.9	3,929.9	36.3	430.2	19.6	449.8	4,379.7	10.3			
July	3,692.5	3,932.3	39.7	423.3	22.6	445.9	4,378.2	10.2			
August	3,690.9	3,925.6	37.3	422.0	22.0	444.0	4,369.6	10.2			
September	3,720.0	3,950.0	36.3	413.8	24.6	438.4	4,388.4	10.0			
October	3,717.2	3,954.4	37.0	407.9	17.5	425.4	4,379.8	9.7			
November	3,732.8	3,974.6	35.7	389.8	24.3	414.1	4,388.7	9.4			
December	3,749.2	3,995.5	33.7	381.9	21.9	403.8	4,399.3	9.2			
1984 -											
January	3,729.2	3,980.1	32.5	379.5	27.3	406.8	4,386.9	9.3			
February	3,753.1	4,003.8	34.6	375.0	22.6	397.6	4,401.4	9.0			
FEMALES											
1983 -											
January	1,481.7	2,340.1	32.3	199.3	54.2	253.5	2,593.6	9.8			
February	1,479.3	2,339.3	34.5	205.7	63.4	269.1	2,608.4	10.3			
March	1,493.8	2,342.2	34.8	211.1	63.3	274.4	2,616.6	10.5			
April	1,489.5	2,327.3	33.4	203.1	69.6	272.7	2,600.0	10.5			
May	1,500.2	2,342.5	35.2	213.4	68.0	281.4	2,623.9	10.7			
June	1,498.5	2,351.5	36.4	210.5	63.6	274.1	2,625.6	10.4			
July	1,517.8	2,353.7	34.4	208.3	70.1	278.4	2,632.1	10.6			
August	1,511.2	2,346.3	37.0	207.9	67.0	274.9	2,621.2	10.5			
September	1,528.3	2,358.6	42.6	218.2	73.6	291.8	2,650.4	11.0			
October	1,528.9	2,363.0	37.4	206.6	65.0	271.6	2,634.6	10.3			
November	1,536.8	2,382.6	36.5	196.9	68.4	265.3	2,647.9	10.0			
December	1,534.6	2,395.4	35.5	196.5	63.4	259.9	2,655.3	9.8			
1984 -											
January	1,534.0	2,396.5	31.8	194.2	65.8	260.0	2,656.5	9.8			
February	1,532.8	2,393.8	38.8	198.3	65.0	263.2	2,657.0	9.9			
PERSONS											
1983 -											
January	5,193.2	6,292.8	63.6	564.9	75.5	640.4	6,933.2	9.2			
February	5,187.6	6,293.8	66.7	584.6	86.4	671.0	6,964.8	9.6			
March	5,177.7	6,273.4	68.5	611.1	84.2	695.3	6,968.7	10.0			
April	5,173.0	6,256.8	69.4	618.1	93.5	711.6	6,968.4	10.2			
May	5,190.3	6,273.2	70.6	629.9	88.9	718.8	6,992.0	10.3			
June	5,191.4	6,281.4	72.7	640.7	83.2	723.9	7,005.3	10.3			
July	5,210.3	6,286.0	74.1	631.6	92.7	724.3	7,010.3	10.3			
August	5,202.1	6,271.9	74.3	629.9	89.0	718.9	6,990.8	10.3			
September	5,248.3	6,308.6	78.9	632.0	98.2	730.2	7,038.8	10.4			
October	5,246.1	6,317.4	74.4	614.5	82.5	697.0	7,014.4	9.9			
November	5,269.6	6,357.2	72.2	586.7	92.7	679.4	7,036.6	9.7			
December	5,283.8	6,390.9	69.2	578.4	85.3	663.7	7,054.6	9.4			
1984 -											
January	5,263.2	6,376.6	64.3	573.7	93.1	666.8	7,043.4	9.5			
February	5,286.0	6,397.6	73.4	573.2	87.6	660.8	7,058.4	9.4			

TABLE 3. LABOUR FORCE STATUS OF THE CIVILIAN POPULATION AGED 15 AND OVER,  
STATES AND TERRITORIES, FEBRUARY 1984

State or Territory	Employed		Unemployed			Labour force	Not in labour force	Civilian popula- tion aged 15 and over	Unemp- loyment rate	Partici- pation rate			
	Full-time workers	Total	Looking for full- time work	Looking for part- time work	Total								
	- '000 -			- per cent -									
MALES													
New South Wales	1,296.8	1,378.5	151.9	5.3	157.2	1,535.8	478.3	2,014.1	10.2	76.3			
Victoria	998.4	1,060.8	94.2	7.2	101.4	1,162.2	348.4	1,510.6	8.7	76.9			
Queensland	605.2	641.4	68.7	3.2	72.0	713.3	208.7	922.0	10.1	77.4			
South Australia	323.7	344.3	37.3	3.0	40.3	384.6	123.0	507.5	10.5	75.8			
Western Australia	347.0	367.6	41.7	*	43.9	411.5	104.7	516.2	10.7	79.7			
Tasmania	103.5	109.7	12.6	*	13.1	122.8	37.6	160.4	10.7	76.5			
Northern Territory	32.2	34.3	2.6	*	3.1	37.4	11.5	49.0	8.4	76.5			
Australian Capital Territory	60.1	63.8	4.1	*	4.8	68.6	11.8	80.5	7.1	85.3			
Australia	3,767.0	4,000.3	413.2	22.7	435.8	4,436.2	1,324.1	5,760.2	9.8	77.0			
FEMALES													
New South Wales	549.6	812.3	87.8	26.3	114.2	926.5	1,160.8	2,087.3	12.3	44.4			
Victoria	412.0	634.2	58.1	21.3	79.4	713.6	861.5	1,575.1	11.1	45.3			
Queensland	228.1	367.2	32.2	10.4	42.6	409.8	528.3	938.0	10.4	43.7			
South Australia	122.0	207.8	18.9	5.5	24.5	232.3	298.1	530.4	10.5	43.8			
Western Australia	132.7	220.3	20.6	6.6	27.2	247.4	267.5	514.9	11.0	48.1			
Tasmania	35.6	56.5	6.6	1.6	8.1	64.7	100.9	165.6	12.6	39.1			
Northern Territory	16.5	21.8	*	*	2.0	23.8	19.8	43.6	8.5	54.5			
Australian Capital Territory	32.2	45.6	3.2	*	4.4	50.0	36.7	86.7	8.9	57.7			
Australia	1,528.7	2,365.6	228.6	73.7	302.4	2,668.0	3,273.6	5,941.6	11.3	44.9			
PERSONS													
New South Wales	1,846.4	2,190.8	239.7	31.7	271.4	2,462.2	1,639.1	4,101.3	11.0	60.0			
Victoria	1,410.5	1,695.0	152.2	28.5	180.8	1,875.8	1,209.9	3,085.7	9.6	60.8			
Queensland	833.3	1,008.5	101.0	13.6	114.6	1,123.1	736.9	1,860.0	10.2	60.4			
South Australia	445.7	552.1	56.2	8.5	64.7	616.9	421.1	1,037.9	10.5	59.4			
Western Australia	479.7	587.9	62.3	8.8	71.1	658.9	372.2	1,031.1	10.8	63.9			
Tasmania	139.0	166.3	19.2	2.0	21.2	187.5	138.6	326.0	11.3	57.5			
Northern Territory	48.7	56.1	3.8	*	5.1	61.2	31.3	92.5	8.4	66.1			
Australian Capital Territory	92.3	109.3	7.3	*	9.3	118.6	48.5	167.2	7.8	71.0			
Australia	5,295.6	6,365.9	641.8	96.4	738.2	7,104.1	4,597.7	11,701.8	10.4	60.7			

TABLE 4. UNEMPLOYED PERSONS, AUSTRALIA

Month	Number looking for full-time work				Number looking for part-time work	Total	Unemployment rate							
	Aged 15-19		Aged 20 and over				Looking for full-time work			Looking for part-time work				
	Looking for first job	Total	Aged 20 and over	Total			Aged 15-19	Aged 20 and over	Total	Aged 15-19	Aged 20 and over	Total		
- '000 -														
- per cent -														
MALES														
1983 -														
January	51.2	103.0	306.6	409.6	22.1	431.6	28.3	8.2	10.0	9.0	9.9			
February	45.0	97.3	320.9	418.3	23.1	441.4	27.3	8.5	10.1	9.2	10.1			
March	34.2	82.9	328.7	411.6	22.9	434.6	24.7	8.7	10.0	8.4	9.9			
April	28.3	76.1	330.1	406.2	23.4	429.6	23.6	8.8	10.0	8.5	9.9			
May	28.2	77.2	335.6	412.8	22.5	435.3	23.8	8.9	10.1	8.4	10.0			
June	24.3	75.2	332.7	407.9	16.5	424.5	24.2	8.8	10.0	6.4	9.8			
July	27.8	81.9	325.2	407.0	22.0	429.0	26.8	8.6	9.9	8.5	9.8			
August	26.6	75.8	333.7	409.5	20.2	429.7	25.3	8.8	10.1	7.8	9.9			
September	30.5	79.4	330.9	410.3	24.7	435.0	25.7	8.6	9.9	9.6	9.9			
October	32.9	75.3	309.3	384.5	16.3	400.8	25.1	8.1	9.4	6.2	9.2			
November	30.5	72.8	292.6	365.5	20.4	385.9	24.5	7.7	9.0	7.6	8.9			
December	57.4	101.8	289.6	391.3	28.4	419.8	29.3	7.6	9.4	10.4	9.4			
1984 -														
January	53.0	104.5	319.5	424.0	28.5	452.5	30.5	8.4	10.2	10.9	10.3			
February	48.5	90.8	322.4	413.2	22.7	435.8	27.1	8.4	9.9	8.9	9.8			
Standard error of -														
February 1984 estimates	2.9	3.8	6.1	6.7	2.1	6.8	1.1	0.2	0.2	0.8	0.2			
Jan 84 to Feb 84 movements	2.8	3.5	5.0	5.4	2.2	5.5	1.0	0.1	0.1	0.9	0.1			
FEMALES														
1983 -														
January	49.3	86.2	132.3	218.6	44.3	262.9	29.8	9.4	12.9	5.5	10.5			
February	45.9	84.3	152.5	236.7	72.0	308.7	30.1	10.6	13.8	7.9	11.8			
March	38.2	78.5	147.8	226.2	73.1	299.3	29.7	10.2	13.2	7.7	11.2			
April	32.4	72.9	132.6	205.5	74.1	279.7	27.5	9.3	12.1	8.1	10.7			
May	33.0	71.4	143.3	214.7	70.5	285.2	27.0	9.9	12.5	7.7	10.8			
June	30.4	65.9	139.9	205.8	62.9	268.7	26.1	9.7	12.1	6.9	10.3			
July	27.0	63.1	129.2	192.3	65.9	258.2	24.8	8.9	11.3	7.2	9.9			
August	28.6	64.6	133.3	197.9	59.3	257.1	25.7	9.3	11.7	6.5	9.9			
September	33.6	68.7	140.1	208.8	77.2	285.9	26.3	9.4	11.9	8.4	10.7			
October	27.8	61.4	121.6	183.0	69.3	252.3	24.5	8.3	10.7	7.5	9.6			
November	27.2	57.5	119.1	176.7	62.2	238.9	23.4	8.1	10.3	6.6	9.0			
December	52.4	84.0	126.1	210.1	60.2	270.2	29.7	8.5	11.9	6.5	10.0			
1984 -														
January	48.2	83.8	129.1	212.9	54.0	266.9	29.6	8.8	12.2	6.6	10.4			
February	51.7	87.2	141.4	228.6	73.7	302.4	31.9	9.5	13.0	8.1	11.3			
Standard error of -														
February 1984 estimates	3.0	3.7	4.5	5.4	3.5	6.0	1.4	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.2			
Jan 84 to Feb 84 movements	2.8	3.3	3.9	4.5	3.1	4.9	1.2	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.2			
PERSONS														
1983 -														
January	100.6	189.2	438.9	628.2	66.4	694.6	29.0	8.5	10.8	6.3	10.1			
February	90.9	181.6	473.4	655.0	95.1	750.1	28.6	9.1	11.2	8.2	10.7			
March	72.4	161.4	476.5	637.9	96.0	733.9	26.9	9.1	11.0	7.9	10.4			
April	60.7	149.0	462.7	611.7	97.5	709.3	25.4	8.9	10.6	8.2	10.2			
May	61.2	148.6	478.9	627.5	93.0	720.5	25.2	9.2	10.8	7.9	10.3			
June	54.7	141.2	472.6	613.7	79.4	693.2	25.1	9.1	10.6	6.8	10.0			
July	54.8	144.9	454.4	599.3	87.9	687.2	25.9	8.7	10.3	7.5	9.8			
August	55.2	140.4	467.0	607.4	79.5	686.8	25.5	9.0	10.6	6.8	9.9			
September	64.1	148.1	471.0	619.0	101.9	720.9	26.0	8.8	10.5	8.7	10.2			
October	60.7	136.7	430.8	567.5	85.6	653.1	24.8	8.2	9.8	7.3	9.3			
November	57.7	130.3	411.8	542.1	82.6	624.7	24.0	7.8	9.4	6.9	8.9			
December	109.8	185.8	415.6	601.4	88.6	690.0	29.5	7.8	10.1	7.4	9.7			
1984 -														
January	101.2	188.3	448.6	636.9	82.5	719.4	30.1	8.5	10.8	7.6	10.3			
February	100.1	178.0	463.8	641.8	96.4	738.2	29.3	8.7	10.8	8.3	10.4			
Standard error of -														
February 1984 estimates	3.9	4.9	7.0	7.8	3.9	8.2	0.8	0.1	0.1	0.3	0.1			
Jan 84 to Feb 84 movements	3.5	4.2	5.5	6.1	3.4	6.3	0.7	0.1	0.1	0.3	0.1			

TABLE 5. UNEMPLOYED PERSONS: SEASONALLY ADJUSTED SERIES

Month	Number looking for full-time work					Unemployment rate						
	Aged 15-19			Number looking for part-time work	Total	Looking for full-time work		Looking for part-time work				
	Looking for first job		Aged 20 and over			Aged 15-19	Aged 20 and over	Total				
	Total					- '000	-					
- per cent -												
MALES												
1983 -												
January	31.3	76.5	289.1	365.6	21.3	386.9	23.2	7.7	9.0	8.1		
February	32.2	80.5	298.4	378.9	23.0	401.9	24.4	7.9	9.3	8.5		
March	33.7	86.2	313.8	400.0	20.9	420.9	26.1	8.4	9.8	7.8		
April	36.0	87.1	327.9	415.0	23.9	438.9	26.4	8.7	10.1	8.9		
May	35.4	81.8	334.7	416.5	20.9	437.4	25.3	8.8	10.1	8.0		
June	36.3	86.4	343.8	430.2	19.6	449.8	26.7	9.0	10.4	7.6		
July	39.7	91.1	332.2	423.3	22.6	445.9	28.8	8.7	10.3	8.6		
August	37.3	87.3	334.7	422.0	22.0	444.0	27.1	8.8	10.3	8.6		
September	36.3	86.7	327.1	413.8	24.6	438.4	27.1	8.6	10.0	9.7		
October	37.0	84.1	323.8	407.9	17.5	425.4	26.2	8.5	9.9	6.9		
November	35.7	80.4	309.4	389.8	24.3	414.1	25.1	8.1	9.5	9.1		
December	33.7	77.7	304.2	381.9	21.9	403.8	24.7	8.0	9.2	8.2		
1984 -												
January	32.5	77.8	301.7	379.5	27.3	406.8	25.1	7.9	9.2	9.8		
February	34.6	75.1	299.9	375.0	22.6	397.6	24.2	7.9	9.1	8.3		
FEMALES												
1983 -												
January	32.3	68.1	131.2	199.3	54.2	253.5	25.9	9.2	11.9	5.9		
February	34.5	71.4	134.3	205.7	63.4	269.1	27.2	9.4	12.2	6.9		
March	34.8	74.9	136.2	211.1	63.3	274.4	29.0	9.4	12.4	6.9		
April	33.4	72.9	130.2	203.1	69.6	272.7	27.7	9.1	12.0	7.7		
May	35.2	72.9	140.5	213.4	68.0	281.4	27.5	9.7	12.5	7.5		
June	36.4	70.7	139.8	210.5	63.6	274.1	27.3	9.6	12.3	6.9		
July	34.4	71.1	137.2	208.3	70.1	278.4	27.0	9.4	12.1	7.7		
August	37.0	70.4	137.5	207.9	67.0	274.9	26.8	9.4	12.1	7.4		
September	42.6	77.2	141.0	218.2	73.6	291.8	28.0	9.6	12.5	8.1		
October	37.4	72.2	134.4	206.6	65.0	271.6	26.9	9.2	11.9	7.2		
November	36.5	69.5	127.4	196.9	68.4	265.3	26.4	8.7	11.4	7.5		
December	35.5	68.7	127.8	196.5	63.4	259.9	26.3	8.7	11.4	6.9		
1984 -												
January	31.8	66.3	127.9	194.2	65.8	260.0	25.7	8.7	11.2	7.1		
February	38.8	73.8	124.5	198.3	65.0	263.2	28.8	8.4	11.5	7.0		
PERSONS												
1983 -												
January	63.6	144.6	420.3	564.9	75.5	640.4	24.4	8.1	9.8	6.4		
February	66.7	151.9	432.7	584.6	86.4	671.0	25.7	8.4	10.1	7.2		
March	68.5	161.1	450.0	611.1	84.2	695.3	27.4	8.7	10.6	7.1		
April	69.4	160.0	458.1	618.1	93.5	711.6	27.0	8.8	10.7	7.9		
May	70.6	154.7	475.2	629.9	88.9	718.8	26.3	9.1	10.8	7.6		
June	72.7	157.1	483.6	640.7	83.2	723.9	27.0	9.2	11.0	7.1		
July	74.1	162.2	469.4	631.6	92.7	724.3	28.0	8.9	10.8	7.9		
August	74.3	157.7	472.2	629.9	89.0	718.9	26.9	9.0	10.8	7.7		
September	78.9	163.9	468.1	632.0	98.2	730.2	27.5	8.9	10.7	8.5		
October	74.4	156.3	458.2	614.5	82.5	697.0	26.5	8.7	10.5	7.2		
November	72.2	149.9	436.8	586.7	92.7	679.4	25.7	8.3	10.0	7.9		
December	69.2	146.4	432.0	578.4	85.3	663.7	25.5	8.2	9.9	7.2		
1984 -												
January	64.3	144.1	429.6	573.7	93.1	666.8	25.4	8.2	9.8	7.7		
February	73.4	148.8	424.4	573.2	87.6	660.8	26.3	8.0	9.8	7.3		

TABLE 6. UNEMPLOYED PERSONS, STATES AND TERRITORIES

State or Territory	Number looking for full-time work						Unemployment rate							
	Aged 15-19			Number looking for part-time work	Total	Looking for full-time work			Looking for part-time work					
	Looking for first job	Total	Aged 20 and over			Aged 15-19	Aged 20 and over	Total	Aged 15-19	Aged 20 and over	Total			
- '000 -														
- per cent -														
<b>NEW SOUTH WALES -</b>														
1983 - February	37.4	69.5	177.1	246.6	33.2	279.8	32.5	9.5	11.9	8.7	11.4			
1984 - January	38.5	66.8	171.6	238.4	28.8	267.3	32.1	9.2	11.6	8.0	11.0			
February	37.4	64.7	175.0	239.7	31.7	271.4	31.8	9.3	11.5	8.4	11.0			
Standard error of -														
Feb 1984 estimates	2.6	3.3	4.8	5.3	2.5	5.6	1.6	0.3	0.3	0.7	0.2			
Jan 1984 to Feb 1984 movements	2.3	2.8	3.7	4.1	2.2	4.3	1.3	0.2	0.2	0.6	0.2			
<b>VICTORIA -</b>														
1983 - February	20.9	41.6	108.9	150.4	22.0	172.5	27.1	7.9	9.8	7.1	9.3			
1984 - January	23.0	43.5	100.3	143.8	23.1	166.9	29.4	7.2	9.3	8.2	9.1			
February	25.0	41.0	111.2	152.2	28.5	180.8	28.8	7.8	9.7	9.1	9.6			
Standard error of -														
Feb 1984 estimates	2.1	2.5	3.6	4.0	2.2	4.2	1.8	0.3	0.3	0.7	0.2			
Jan 1984 to Feb 1984 movements	1.9	2.2	2.9	3.1	1.9	3.3	1.5	0.2	0.2	0.6	0.2			
<b>QUEENSLAND -</b>														
1983 - February	11.7	27.1	80.6	107.7	18.1	125.8	24.1	10.1	11.8	10.1	11.6			
1984 - January	14.0	30.9	74.1	105.0	12.8	117.8	26.1	9.1	11.2	7.7	10.7			
February	11.8	26.7	74.2	101.0	13.6	114.6	23.9	9.0	10.8	7.2	10.2			
Standard error of -														
Feb 1984 estimates	1.2	1.7	2.5	2.8	1.3	3.0	1.5	0.3	0.3	0.7	0.3			
Jan 1984 to Feb 1984 movements	1.2	1.5	1.9	2.1	1.1	2.2	1.3	0.2	0.2	0.6	0.2			
<b>SOUTH AUSTRALIA -</b>														
1983 - February	8.6	18.3	40.9	59.1	9.6	68.8	30.1	9.3	11.8	8.2	11.1			
1984 - January	8.5	16.6	42.2	58.8	7.5	66.3	29.7	9.4	11.7	6.7	10.8			
February	8.8	16.3	39.9	56.2	8.5	64.7	29.3	8.9	11.2	7.4	10.5			
Standard error of -														
Feb 1984 estimates	0.9	1.1	1.5	1.7	0.8	1.8	1.9	0.3	0.3	0.7	0.3			
Jan 1984 to Feb 1984 movements	0.7	0.9	1.2	1.3	0.7	1.3	1.6	0.3	0.3	0.6	0.2			
<b>WESTERN AUSTRALIA -</b>														
1983 - February	7.3	15.5	42.8	58.3	8.4	66.7	24.2	9.3	11.1	7.5	10.5			
1984 - January	9.6	19.8	41.4	61.2	6.2	67.4	30.4	8.8	11.4	5.7	10.4			
February	9.8	17.6	44.7	62.3	8.8	71.1	28.1	9.3	11.5	7.5	10.8			
Standard error of -														
Feb 1984 estimates	1.0	1.2	1.7	1.9	0.9	2.0	1.9	0.3	0.3	0.8	0.3			
Jan 1984 to Feb 1984 movements	0.8	1.0	1.3	1.4	0.8	1.4	1.5	0.3	0.3	0.7	0.2			
<b>TASMANIA -</b>														
1983 - February	4.2	6.8	13.8	20.6	*	21.4	31.8	10.1	13.1	*	11.5			
1984 - January	5.1	7.4	10.9	18.3	2.2	20.5	37.1	7.9	11.6	7.3	10.9			
February	5.0	8.0	11.2	19.2	2.0	21.2	40.9	8.0	12.1	6.9	11.3			
Standard error of -														
Feb 1984 estimates	0.5	0.6	0.7	0.8	0.3	0.8	3.0	0.5	0.5	1.2	0.4			
Jan 1984 to Feb 1984 movements	0.4	0.4	0.5	0.5	0.3	0.6	2.2	0.3	0.3	0.9	0.3			
<b>NORTHERN TERRITORY -</b>														
1983 - February	*	*	3.7	4.5	*	5.3	*	7.3	8.2	*	8.3			
1984 - January	*	*	3.6	4.3	*	4.4	*	7.3	8.1	*	7.3			
February	*	*	2.6	3.8	*	5.1	*	5.4	7.3	*	8.4			
Standard error of -														
Feb 1984 estimates	0.4	0.4	0.5	0.6	0.4	0.7	7.5	1.1	1.2	4.5	1.1			
Jan 1984 to Feb 1984 movements	0.3	0.3	0.5	0.5	0.3	0.6	6.2	1.0	1.0	3.7	0.9			
<b>AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY -</b>														
1983 - February	*	2.1	5.7	7.8	2.1	9.9	33.2	6.8	8.6	9.5	8.8			
1984 - January	*	2.7	4.4	7.1	*	8.8	35.7	4.8	7.1	*	7.6			
February	*	2.4	5.0	7.3	*	9.3	32.8	5.4	7.4	*	7.8			
Standard error of -														
Feb 1984 estimates	0.4	0.5	0.6	0.7	0.4	0.7	6.4	0.7	0.7	2.3	0.6			
Jan 1984 to Feb 1984 movements	0.4	0.4	0.5	0.5	0.4	0.6	5.3	0.5	0.5	2.0	0.5			